

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 83

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Pownal Historical Society on its 20th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Berry of Manchester, Browning of Arlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Komline of Dorset, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Olsen of Londonderry, and Sibilila of Dover

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, on January 28, 1760, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter for the town of Pownal and named the community in honor of Massachusetts Royal Governor Thomas Pownall, and

Whereas, local historical societies preserve and teach the history of their communities, and

Whereas, through the leadership and foresight of Margaret Lillie, the Pownal Historical Society (PHS) was established in March 1994, and

Whereas, the PHS's original 13-member board of directors included Helen Renner (President), David Grusendorf (Vice President), Joseph Parks (Secretary), and Kara Lozier (Treasurer), and

Whereas, in its early years, the society hosted rose garden socials featuring presentations from the Vermont Humanities Council, and

Whereas, the PHS has represented Pownal at the Vermont History Expo, and

Whereas, in commemoration of Pownal's 250th anniversary, the society sponsored a birthday party, established a historical district, and erected a historical marker, and

Whereas, the PHS presents a curriculum on Pownal's history to the town's fourth graders and then guides the students in writing a book on what they have learned, and

Whereas, the society established a history center at the Solomon Wright Public Library, and

Whereas, in the spring of 2010, the PHS was pleased to issue a photo-filled volume in Arcadia Publishing's series *Images of America*, and

Whereas, the society's website is a comprehensive electronic compendium featuring the town's organizational charter; local maps; numerous listings including town officials, churches, and civil war veterans; and material on Pownal's association with the Green Mountain Boys, and

Whereas, genealogists have praised the PHS website as a valuable research resource, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Pownal Historical Society on its 20th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Pownal Historical Society.